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In re application of

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A NETWORK MONITORING METHOD AND A COMPUTER NETWORK SYSTEM

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir,

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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